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Haven, Mich.

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bate for Ottawa Co. P. O. address, Crocker-
y, Ottawa Co., Mich.

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and Justice of the Peace.

R. W. DUNCAN, Attorney at Law, and Solicit-
or in Chancery; also agent for obtaining Bounty
Lands, and collecting claims against the United
States, in connection with a General Agency
at Washington. Office third door below the
Washington House.

CROSVENOR REED, Attorney and Counsel-
or at Law. All business entrusted to me will be
promptly and satisfactorily attended to. Resi-
dence, Charleston Landing, Ottawa Co. Mich.

ROBERT H. WILBER, Notary Public, Coun-
ty Clerk's Office, Grand Haven, Mich.

New Wholesale and Retail Bookstore,
Rathbun Buildings, Monroe st., Grand Rapids.

ALL articles in the Book and Stationery line,
Paper Hangings, etc., supplied on the most reason-
able terms.
J. TERHUNE, Jr.

Dentistry.

DR. L. A. ROGERS, Surgeon Dentist, Office in
Dr. Shepard's New Block, Monroe st., Grand
Rapids, Mich., where he may be found during
business hours.

FERRY & WALLACE, Dealers in Fancy
Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hardware
and Groceries. Water st., Grand Haven, Mich.

Thos. W. Ferry, Noah H. Ferry.

FERRY & CO., Manufacturers of Lumber, and
Dealers in all kinds of Merchandise, Provisions,
Shingle-Bolts, and Shingles. White Lake, Oc-
cena Co., Mich.

FOSTER & PARRY, Wholesale and Retail
Dealers in Hard and Hollow-Ware, Iron, and
Manufacturers of Tin and Sheet-Iron Ware, foot
of Monroe street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

STONE & CHUBB, Manufacturers of Plows,
Cultivators, and Grain Cradles, and dealers in
all kinds of Agricultural Implements, and Ma-
chines. Agricultural Warehouse, Canal street,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

STEPHEN MONROE, Physician and Sur-
geon. Office over J. T. Davis' Tailor Shop—
Washington street.

FERRY & SONS, Forwarding and Commis-
sion Merchants. Central Dock, Grand Haven,
Mich.

JOHN T. DAVIS, Merchant Tailor. Shop on
Washington street, second door west of H. Grif-
fin's store.

HOPKINS & BROTHERS, Storage, Forward-
ing and Commission Merchants; general dealers
in all kinds of Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain and
Provisions; manufacturers and dealers whole-
sale and retail in all kinds of lumber. Mill
Point, Mich.

C. DAVIS & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groce-
ries, Provisions, Hardware, Crocker-ry, Boots and
Shoes, &c. Muskegon, Mich.

OTTAWA HOUSE (formerly William Tell Ho-
tel), Levi Shackleton Proprietor, Water street,
Grand Haven, Mich.

WASHINGTON HOUSE, By Henry Penoyer.
The proprietor has the past spring newly
fitted and partly re-furnished this House, and
feels confident visitors will find the House to
compare favorably with the best in the State.

HENRY GRIFFIN, Commission Merchant and
General Agent, Dealer in Salt, Flour, Dry and
Green Fruits, Provisions, Family Groceries,
Drugs, Medicines, Perfumery, &c., &c., at his old
stand opposite the Washington House, Grand
Haven, Michigan.

A. B. BIDWELL & SON, Confectionery and
Bakery, Grand Rapids, Mich. C. B. Albee agent
for Grand Haven and vicinity.

CORN SHELLERS, Various Kinds, at
S. & C's Ag'l. Warehouse.

PORTABLE HAY PRESSES (Vertical and Hor-
izontal) for sale at
S. & C's Ag'l. Warehouse.

STRAW, Hay and Cornstalk Cutters at
S. & C's Ag'l. Warehouse.

TIME!!

CLOCKS of all kinds, for sale cheap by
H. C. & W.

PAINTS.—100 Kegs Pure Buffalo, No. 1 White
Lead, in oil, dry White and Red Lead, and
permanent Paris Green, in oil, at
GRIFFIN'S Drugstore.

POSITION OF THE DEMOCRACY

Mr. Appleton, the editor of the *Eastern Argus*, (Portland, Me.) who had been absent from the country as Secretary of Legation at London, resumes the editorial chair with an elegant and graceful article on political affairs, from which we extract the follow-
ing:

"While we allude to State politics, be-
cause they have naturally a prominent po-
sition in our thoughts at this particular time,
we do not forget that National Democracy
have a proud position to defend, and a great
battle before them to fight. Their banner
fixes now the attention of the country, as it
waves over their harmonious organization in
the new Congress. It will inspire courage in
our ranks during the approaching Presiden-
tial canvass, and will float in beauty and tri-
umph, we doubt not, over the conquered field
of 1856. Into that contest there will enter
issues as broad as the Republic, and as im-
portant as the Union. They are already
shadowed forth at Washington, where Know-
Nothingism and sectionalism hold the House
in confusion, and delay, week after week, the
organization of Congress. These issues must
be boldly met, in all their length and breadth.
Against religious intolerance, and secret out-
bound associations to support it; against trea-
son to the Constitution, and sectional attacks
upon the Government; against impracticable
schemes of moon-struck reformers, who strug-
gle always to tear down and little to build
up; against that political infidelity which
reverences no principle, and is satisfied with
no system, and especially against that mighty
wickedness which looks forward to its consum-
mation only amidst the ruins of the Ameri-
can Union the National Democracy, rein-
forced, as it will be by many true men who
have been sometimes misplaced heretofore
in the opposition ranks, will wage an uncom-
promising and, as we believe, a most victori-
ous war. We entertain no fear of discord in
our ranks upon the selection of a standard
bearer for the campaign. The Cincinnati
Convention will have intelligence enough,
and discretion enough, and moderation
enough to do justice on this subject to its
great constituency, and to select a Presiden-
tial candidate who will command the respect
and support of the people. Let us send up
to that august council, from every State and
District in the Union, delegates of sound
judgment and upright character, who, with-
out fear or favor, can consult together for the
best interests of the country. The interest
or wishes of any one man or set of men, are
not to be weighed for an instant against the
general interests of the party. No one man
is a necessity to the Democratic party, either
as a leader or a supporter, and from among
those whose names will come before the Cin-
cinnati Convention, we have full confidence
that some one will be selected whom the De-
mocracy will be proud to follow."

vice. As to children, they are as plenty as
flies in August, and about as troublesome;
every alley and court and garret are swarm-
ed with them, they're no rarity; and any
poor miserable wretch has a wife; enough of
them too, such as they are!

It is enough to scare a man to death to
think how much it costs to keep one!—
Silks and satins, ribbons and velvet, feathers
and flowers, cuff-pins and bracelets, gim-
cracks and fol-de-rols; and you must look at
the subject in all its bearings; little jackets
and frocks, and wooden horses and dolls,
pop-guns and ginger-bread; don't believe I
can do it by Jupiter! But then here I sit
with the toe of my best boots kicking the
grate, for want of something to do; it's com-
ing awful cold and dreary weather, long eve-
nings, can't go to concerts forever, and when
I do the room looks so much gloomier when
I come back, and it would be cosy to have a
nice little wife to chat and laugh with.

I've tried to think of something else, but
I can't; if I look in the fire, I am sure to see
a pair of bright eyes; even the shadows on
the wall take fairy shapes; I'm on the brink
of ruin—I feel it; I shall read my doom in
the marriage list before long—I know I
shall!

THE SULTAN'S WIVES.—The following af-
fair, which has lately occurred at Constanti-
nople, has created great sensation there:
A young Austrian, a gold beater by trade
was riding out a few Sundays ago, when he
chanced to meet the Sultan's wives escorted
by a number of eunuchs. The young Aus-
trian, having cast a glance at a somewhat in-
quisitive character into the carriage which the
fair ladies occupied, was dragged from his
horse by the eunuchs, and handled with such
severity that he was carried home half dead,
and still lives suffering from the effects of his
wounds. The Sultan having been made ac-
quainted with the facts by remonstrances
proceeding from the Austrian embassy, caused
a strict inquiry to be instituted, the result
of which was, that two of the eunuchs were
sentenced to five years labor at the galleys,
while seven other individuals were sentenced
to receive fifty stripes. The whole of the
rest were dismissed from the palace. The
Sultan then sent his physician to express his
sorrow to the wounded man, with the assu-
rance that the whole of his expenses should
be defrayed from his own privy purse, and
that his wife and family would be cared for
in the future, in the event of his being incapaci-
tated by his wounds from following his former
pursuits.

SOURCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI.—The right
of Henry L. Schoolcraft, to the honor of hav-
ing first traced the Mississippi to its source, is
about to be contested by the Minnesota His-
torical Society who, as we learn from the
St. Paul Pioneer, contend that Jean N. Nicol-
let, first traced the Mississippi to its source,
although his exploration was not attempted
until after Schoolcraft's discovery had been
published to the world. The *St. Paul Pio-
neer* says:—
"Schoolcraft fixed the head of the Missis-
sippi at Itasen Lake, and reported that the
Lake was fed by pure springs gushing from
the hills around it. Two years after School-
craft visited the lake, the patient unwear-
ing Nicollet traced the river to the lake, sur-
veyed it, found several streams emptying into
it, and followed them to their origin. One
of these—the principal one—is now contended
as the Mississippi river, and as Nicollet
traced it to its origin, he, of course, is enti-
tled to the honor of being the first white
man who thoroughly explored the Mississippi
river."
"Whether Dr. Foster is correct in his as-
sertions, which we give above, can be ascer-
tained without any great difficulty. Nicol-
let has happily left on record, many manu-
scripts and printed documents relating to
his explorations in the North West; and Mr.
Schoolcraft is reported as very jealous of his
reputation as a discoverer and explorer."

**THE CUTTING OF MAHOGANY PROHIBITED
BY HAYTI.**—A letter from Port au Prince,
recently received in Boston, says:
We have to inform you that the Emperor
has just published an edict, prohibiting the
further cutting of Mahogany, and also the
transportation to the seaboard of what wood
is now cut in the interior. Only such parcels
as are already on their way down, or at the
shipping ports, can be expedited and the
quantity of these is very small, and our stock
is nearly exhausted. The only plausible
reason that can be assigned for this measure,
which has been for some time in contempla-
tion, is that his Majesty wishes to turn the
attention of his people more to the cultiva-
tion of their fields, and the production of
more ground provisions, the quantity of
which has been greatly diminished during
the past few years, is insufficient for the
supply of their necessities.
The letter also states that the Souloque
is accumulating a large army to invade the
Dominican side of the Island, and has order-
ed all the clerks over sixteen years of age in
Port au Prince, to enlist.

JENNY LIND is again singing in London.—
It is stated that her voice is unimpaired, and
has all its former richness and power.

JOURNAL

Of an adjourned session of the Board of
Supervisors of Ottawa County, holden
at the County Clerk's Office, in Grand
Haven, on the first Monday of January,
to wit, January 7, 1856:

The meeting was called to order by the
Chairman, and, on calling the roll, the fol-
lowing members were present and answered
to their respective townships, viz:

Allendale, G. Reed; Blendon, A. H. Vre-
denburg; Chester, G. W. Merrick; Crocker-
y, B. Smith; Casinova, O. Walkley; George-
town, E. F. Bosworth; Holland, H. D. Post;
Jamestown, Wm. Arnold; Muskegon, Chas.
Carmichael; Ottawa, R. W. Duncan; Polk-
ton, S. Hazelton; Ravenna, T. D. Smith;
Wright, G. W. Woodward; White River,
I. E. Carlton; Zeeland, J. G. Van Hees.

(On motion of Grosvenor Reed,
The committee appointed to settle with the
County Treasurer were allowed until to-
morrow evening to make their report.

On motion of Mr. Bosworth,
Mr. Hazelton was appointed one of the
committee to settle with the County Treasur-
er, in place of Mr. Woodward, who was by
the same motion discharged from the com-
mittee.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,
Mr. Van Hees was discharged from the of-
fice of Superintendent of the Poor, he being
ineligible to the office.

On motion of Mr. Van Hees,
John De Pere, of Zeeland, was appointed
to the vacancy occasioned by the discharge
of Mr. Van Hees.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,
It was Resolved, That an informal vote,
relative to the removal of the county seat,
be taken to-morrow evening.

On Motion of Mr. Post,
The Board adjourned to meet to-morrow
morning at 8 o'clock.

January 8, 1856, 8 o'clock A. M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.
On calling the roll, the following members
appeared and answered to their respective
townships, viz:

Allendale, Reed; Blendon, Vredenburg;
Chester, Merrick; Crocker-ry, B. Smith; Cas-
inova, Walkley; Georgetown, Bosworth; Hol-
land, Post; Jamestown, Arnold; Zeeland,
Van Hees; Muskegon Carmichael; Ottawa,
Duncan; Polkton, Hazelton; Ravenna, T. D.
Smith; Spring Lake, Lovell; Wright,
Woodward; White River, Carlton.

On motion of Mr. Reed,
It was Resolved, That the jailer be au-
thorized to purchase a small stove and neces-
sary pipe for the accommodation of the in-
mates of the county jail.

On motion of Mr. Reed,
The Board of Supervisors of the county
of Ottawa do enact and establish a high-
way, leading from the quarter post on the
north line of section ten, in township five
north of range fourteen west, to the center
of section twenty-seven, town six north, range
fourteen west, thence to the north-east cor-
ner of said section twenty-seven, thence to
the center of section twenty-three, town seven
north, range fourteen west, and from
thence through the center of sections four-
teen and eleven, to Grand River.

On motion of Mr. Woodward,
It was Resolved, That commissioners be
appointed to establish a certain road leading
from Zeeland to Ravenna, in accordance with
the notes of a survey made by Mason East-
man, county surveyor, now on file in the
Clerk's Office.

On motion of Mr. Reed,
The above resolution was re-considered;
and

On motion of Mr. Post,
The matter laid on the table.

On motion, the Board adjourned until 6
o'clock P. M.

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Meeting called to order by the Chairman.
On motion of Mr. B. Smith,
The following act, entitled "An act to
provide for the organization of a certain town-
ship in the county of Ottawa," was reported
and passed:

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors
of the county of Ottawa, State of Michigan,
That township number seven north of range
number fifteen west, and all that part of
township number eight north of range num-
ber fifteen west, which lies on the south side
of Grand River, be set off from the township
of Ottawa and organized into a new township
to be called the township of Robinson; and
that the first township meeting for the elec-
tion of township officers, shall be held on
the first Monday in April, 1856, at the house
of Ira Robinson, in said township; and that
Frederick Ranney, Ira Robinson and Alfred
Robinson, be, and they are hereby appoint-
ed to preside at such meeting, appoint a
clerk and open and keep the polls, and exer-
cise the same powers as the inspectors of
elections at any township meeting; and that
Frederick Ranney is hereby appointed to post
up notices according to law, of the time and
place of said meeting, in the newly organized
township of Robinson.

The committee on accounts presented sun-
dry bills, with their report, which were taken
up singly by the Board and passed upon.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,
The subject of removing the county seat
was taken up.

Mr. Merrick moved that the county seat
be removed, the balloting resulting as fol-
lows:
In favor of the removal, nine; against the
removal, five.

Mr. Post moved an indefinite postpone-
ment of the Question. Motion lost.

On motion of Mr. Smith,
The subject was laid on the table.

(On motion of Mr. Woodward,
Messrs. B. Smith, Carmichael and Hazel-
ton, were appointed a committee to examine
a certain safe, intended for county purposes,
and make a report thereon.

The committee appointed to settle with the
County Treasurer, reported progress, and
asked for further time. Granted.

On motion of Mr. Reed,
The township of Allendale was authorized
to raise, by taxation, any sum not exceeding
five hundred dollars, for highway purposes.

On motion of Mr. Post,
The township of Holland was authorized
to raise, for like purposes, any sum not ex-
ceeding one thousand dollars.

On motion of Mr. Reed,
The township of Polkton be allowed to
raise any sum not exceeding one thousand
dollars, for highway purposes. Motion lost.

Mr. B. Smith, Chairman of the committee
on ferries, presented a petition of Garrison
Storms, praying the Board to increase his
rates of ferrage—said Storms being the fer-
ryman, at White River, which petition was
laid on the table; and

On motion of Mr. Smith,
The rates of ferrage mentioned in said
petition, were so raised as to stand as fol-
lows:
For ferrying a man and horse, 15 cents.
For ferrying a man and span of horses, or
yoke of oxen, 20 cents.
For ferrying a man and span of horses or
yoke of oxen and vehicle, 25 cents.

The committee on highways presented a
petition of R. M. De Bruyn, and others, pray-
ing for a change of the location of a certain
highway, running through section seventeen,
in the township of Zeeland, which petition
was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Post,
The Board adjourned until to-morrow at
8 o'clock A. M.

Wednesday, January 9, 1856, 8 o'clock
A. M.
Board met pursuant to adjournment.
On calling the roll the following members
appeared and answered to their respective
townships, viz:
Allendale, G. Reed; Blendon, A. H. Vre-
denburg; Chester, G. W. Merrick; Crocker-
ry, B. Smith; Casinova, O. Walkley; George-
town, E. F. Bosworth; Holland, H. D. Post;
Jamestown, William Arnold; Muskegon, C.
Carmichael; Ottawa, R. W. Duncan; Polk-
ton, S. Hazelton; Ravenna, T. D. Smith;
Spring Lake, Lovell; Wright, G. W. Wood-
ward; White River, I. E. Carlton; Zeeland,
J. G. Van Hees.

On motion of Mr. Post,
The County Treasurer was authorized to
purchase a suitable stove for the county offi-
ces.

The committee on highways reported
through Mr. Smith, their chairman, an act
authorizing the appointment of commission-
ers to lay out and locate a highway running
from the north line of the township of White
River, beginning at the section corner, be-
tween sections one and two, in town twelve
north, range seventeen west, and running
southwardly to the head of Muskegon Lake,
and making an appropriation of one hundred
dollars therefor; and

On motion of Mr. Carlton,
The above report was taken up and acted
upon. The motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,
Messrs. Hiram Bean, Charles Carmichael
and Israel E. Carlton were appointed commis-
sioners to survey and lay out the above de-
scribed road, and making an appropriation of
fifty dollars for the expenses thereof.

On motion,
Leave of absence was granted to Mr.
Reed, of Allendale.

The committee on ferries reported a peti-
tion from Henry Penoyer and William W.
Kanouse, for license to keep a steam or horse
ferry across Grand River, from Mill Point to
Grand Haven.

Also a petition from Hiram Bateman
praying for a license to keep a ferry across
Grand River, at Steel's Landing; which peti-
tions were received and laid upon the table.

The matter of change of location of the
road through section seventeen, in the town-
ship of Zeeland, was duly taken up; and

On motion of Mr. Post,
The matter was indefinitely postponed.

The committee on ferries reported a peti-
tion from Mason Eastman, praying for a li-
cense to keep a ferry across Grand River, at
Eastmanville; and

On motion of Mr. Post,